



CITY OF CHICAGO



COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
CITY COUNCIL

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**COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
OCTOBER 2021**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for October 2021.

**Date, Time &
Location of
Meeting:**

On October 13, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting via video conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance:

The following members were virtually present at the October 13, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Thompson (11), Quinn (13), Moore (17), O'Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Brookins (21), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Napolitano (41), Smith (43), Tunney (44), and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the October 13, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Cardenas (12), Curtis (18), Taliaferro (29), Villegas (36), Reilly (42), and Cappleman (46).

The following non-members were virtually present at the October 13, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Lopez (15), Sigcho-Lopez, (25), and Cardona (31).

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Meeting: On October 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting via video conference, in Chicago, Illinois.

Attendance: The following members were virtually present at the October 22, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Chairman Dowell (3), Vice-Chair Silverstein (50), King (4), Hairston (5), Sawyer (6), Mitchell (7), Harris (8), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Thompson (11), Cardenas (12), Quinn (13), Moore (17), Curtis (18), O'Shea (19), Rodriguez (22), Brookins (21), Tabares (23), Scott (24), Burnett (27), Ervin (28), Taliaferro (29), Reboyras (30), Waguespack (32), Austin (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Villegas (36), Mitts (37), Sposato (38), Reilly (42), Smith (43), Tunney (44), Cappleman (46) and Osterman (48).

The following member(s) were virtually not present at the October 22, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: Napolitano (41).

The following non-members were virtually present at the October 22, 2021 Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting: La Spata (1), Beale (9), Lopez (15), Coleman (16), Sigcho-Lopez, (25), and Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Vasquez (40), Martin (47), and Hadden (49).

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations addressed the following items meeting:

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Appointment of Aileen Velazquez as Chief Procurement Officer (A2021-156)

PASS COMMITTEE 10/13/21

PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/14/21

2. Appointment of Cole Stallard as Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation (A2021-159)

PASS COMMITTEE 10/13/21

PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/14/21



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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

3. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2021 Amendments (O2021-4240)

PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21

DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21

PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/27/21

4. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022, as amended (SO2021-4238)

PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21

DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21

PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/27/21

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE DURING THE OCTOBER 14, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5. Amendment of Regulations Governing Administration of Classification Plan and Employee Benefits for Classified Positions set forth in Annual Appropriation Ordinance (Salary Resolution) regarding Compensation Plan, health benefits, holidays and unpaid furlough days (R2021-1126)

PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21

DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21

PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/27/21

6. Intergovernmental agreement with Chicago Transit Authority and Cook County for allocation of Motor Fuel Tax funds to Chicago Transit Authority as Year 2022 matching grant pursuant to Regional Transportation Authority Act (O2021-4757)

PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21

DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21

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7. Expenditure of portion of Motor Fuel Tax funds allocated to City of Chicago for Year 2022 (O2021-4758)

PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21



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**DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21
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**8. Amendment of Municipal Code Titles 2, 6, 9 and 10 (2022 Municipal Code Corrections Ordinance)
(O2021-4756)**

**PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21
DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/27/21**

**9. Amendment of Municipal Code Titles 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 14A and 15 (2022 Management Ordinance)
(SO2021-4785)**

**SUBSTITUTED IN COMMITTEE 10/22/21
PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21
DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/27/21**

**DIRECT INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS DURING
THE OCTOBER 22, 2021 MEETING**

10. 2022 Budget Recommendations – Amendments and Corrections (O2021-4869)

**PASS COMMITTEE 10/22/21
DEFERRED AND PUBLISHED 10/25/21
PASS CITY COUNCIL 10/27/21**

On October 13, 2021 Chairman Dowell called the virtual meeting to order pursuant to applicable law and determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, the meeting is conducted by video conference. Chairman Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established. Chairman Dowell opened the floor to begin the public comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. With no speakers signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.

Chairman Dowell began the meeting with Item 1 on the agenda, the appointment of Aileen Velazquez as Chief Procurement Officer (A2021-156). Chairman Dowell recognized Ms. Velazquez to deliver her



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opening statement. Following Ms. Velazquez's statement, Chairman Dowell opened the meeting up for questions from committee members and other aldermen. Alderman Reboyras congratulated Ms. Velazquez on her appointment. Alderman Hairston moved do pass on Item 1 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, Item 1 passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Chairman Dowell then moved to Item 2 on the agenda, the appointment of Cole Stallard as Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation (A2021-159). Cole Stallard was recognized to address the committee. Following Mr. Stallard, Chairman Dowell then opened the meeting up for questions from committee members and other aldermen. Alderman Mitts, Scott, Reboyras, Moore, Sposato, Silverstein, Quinn, Harris, Ervin, Austin, Thompson, Hairston, Napolitano, and Chairman Dowell congratulated Mr. Stallard on the appointment. Alderman Moore asked about systematic changes to the department to make it more efficient. Mr. Stallard stated he is meeting with the various unions and ward superintendents to set a system to clean up alley, they got more carts through the budget, they are working collaboratively with other departments, and they received more tree trim crews to clear the backlog. Alderman Austin moved do pass on Item No. 2 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman Brookins moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.

On October 22, 2021 Chairman Dowell called the virtual meeting to order pursuant to applicable law and determination that attendance by remote means is necessary because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the declared public health disaster cause by COVID-19, the meeting is conducted by video conference. Chairman Dowell took a roll call to establish a quorum and a quorum was established. Chairman Dowell opened the floor to begin the public comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. Chairman Dowell recognized John Friedman as the first public speaker. Nancy Wade was the next speaker recognized to speak. Aiesha Bryant followed Ms. Wade. Madeline Bayer was recognized next. Following Ms. Bayer, Karen Gater addressed the committee. Sherise Singleton Nobles was the next speaker. Adrian Alexander was recognized as the last speaker. With no additional speakers signed up to speak, Chairman Dowell closed the public comment period.



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Alderman Dowell called for approval of the September 2021 Monthly Rule 45 Reports for the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations. Alderman Austin moved to accept the Rule 45 Reports. Hearing no objections, the item was approved.

Chairman Dowell began by delivering an opening statement on the 2022 City of Chicago Budget. Following her opening statement, Chairman Dowell moved to Item 1 on the agenda, the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2021 Amendments (O2021-4240) and recognized Budget Director Susie Park to explain the ordinance. At the conclusion of her testimony Chairman Dowell opened the meeting to questions from the committee members and non-members. Alderman Beale asked about the line of credit. CFO Jennie Bennett responded that the entire \$450 million was used for 2021. Alderman Lopez inquired about the total value of the vacancies in the budget. Director Park stated they will send the response to Alderman Lopez. Alderman La Spata asked about the line of credit and the terms of the line of credit. CFP Bennett answered that the line of credit is due December 29, 2021 and the rate is one month LIBOR plus basis points. Alderman Villegas asked for ARP funding by agency and how much has been paid out through the chair. Alderman Cardenas asked for an explanation regarding paying back the line of credit. CFO Bennett responded that the line of credit is like taking money out on a credit card, so if we don't pay the money back, the City will have to pay back interest on the money borrowed. Alderman Austin moved to pass on Item 1 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Chairman Dowell then moved to take Items 2 and 3 together, the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2022, as amended (SO2021-4238) and Budget Recommendations – Amendments and Corrections (and text portion) (O2021-4869). Alderman Austin made a motion to amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and take the items together. Budget Director Park read the opening statement. Alderman Vasquez thanked the Budget Director for the extra tree trim crews and for clarity on the mental health changes. Budget Director Park stated that the public health investment included 29 positions and detailed the job titles for those positions. CDPH Commissioner Allison Arwady further clarified about the staff role and clinical positions included in the budget. Alderman Osterman thanked Budget Director Park for the inclusion of the homeless outreach positions in the budget. Alderman Rodriguez thanked Chairman Dowell for her advocacy in the budget and inquired about if the mental health positions being filled in the budget are bilingual positions. CDPH Commissioner Arwady confirmed they are interested in hiring bilingual staff. Alderman Quinn called for a roll call on Items 2 and 3 on the agenda. By a roll call of 37 yays to 5 nays, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.



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Chairman Dowell then moved to Item 4 on the agenda, the Amendment of Regulations Governing Administration of Classification Plan and Employee Benefits for Classified Positions set forth in Annual Appropriation Ordinance (Salary Resolution) regarding Compensation Plan, health benefits, holidays and unpaid furlough days (R2021-1126) and recognized Budget Director Susie Park to explain the ordinance. Alderman Reboyras moved do pass on Item 4 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Chairman Dowell moved to take Items 5 and 6 together, an Intergovernmental agreement with Chicago Transit Authority and Cook County for allocation of Motor Fuel Tax funds to Chicago Transit Authority as Year 2022 matching grant pursuant to Regional Transportation Authority Act (O2021-4757) and an Expenditure of portion of Motor Fuel Tax funds allocated to City of Chicago for Year 2022 (O2021-4758), which together were explained by Budget Director Park. Alderman Villegas asked if the City gives money to CTA from the ground transportation tax. Budget Director Park answered the City does not. Alderman Harris moved do pass on Items 5 and 6 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Chairman Dowell then moved to Item 7 on the agenda, Amendment of Municipal Code Titles 2, 6, 9 and 10 (2022 Municipal Code Corrections Ordinance) (O2021-4756) which was explained by Budget Director Park. Rey Phillips Santos from the City's Law Department highlighted relevant code corrections included in the ordinance. Alderman Hairston moved do pass on Item 7 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Chairman Dowell moved to Item 8 on the agenda, an Amendment of Municipal Code Titles 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 14A and 15 (2022 Management Ordinance) (SO2021-4785). Alderman Cardenas moved to accept the substitute by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. With the substitute before the committee, Chairman Dowell recognized Budget Director Park to discuss the ordinance. At the conclusion of her testimony Chairman Dowell opened the meeting to questions from the committee members and non-members. Alderman Ervin inquired about a change to the responsibilities for the Department of Finance. Jeff Levine from the Law Department clarified that there is no change to current operations. Alderman Ervin also asked about the certification roles for the Chief Procurement Officer. Aileen Velazquez clarified that the certification will remain with the City but they will hire third party contractors to do site visits. Redatu Kassa from the Law Department further explained this language is not new and does not change the existing guidelines included in other parts of the Municipal Code.



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Alderman Ramirez Rosa spoke about the compromises and work that went into crafting the budget that so many aldermen support. Alderman Ervin thanked Chairman Dowell for her work on the budget and asked about the changes to the designation of the procurement process. Redatu Kassa stated the change is simply a clean up. Alderman Smith, Cardenas, Thompson, Hairston and King thanked Chairman Dowell for her work on the budget. Alderman Sawyer moved do pass on Item 8 on the agenda by the same roll call vote used to determine quorum. Hearing no objections, the item passed and was reported out at the City Council meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Chairman Dowell recognized Alderman Tunney who asked about the speed camera documents provided by the Department of Finance and the revenue and policies highlighted within the document. Budget Director Park clarified the City estimates the fines and fees for the following year. Chairman Dowell then gave her closing remarks.

Chairman Dowell stated that there was no further business before the Committee and asked for a motion to adjourn by the same roll call vote as was applied to determine quorum. Alderman O'Shea moved to adjourn. The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations Meeting adjourned at 2:36 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Dowell, Chairman
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations